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Dr. Daniel E. Kerr
President
Huron College
Huron, South Dakota

Dear Dr. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter of 3 January inviting me to come to Huron College on 5 June to make the Commencement address.

I am honored by your invitation. Unfortunately, I shall be speaking to the Naval War College on 5 June. This is an official engagement of many years standing so I shall not be able to join you. I have talked with Senator Mundt and explained to him why I am forced to regret.

It was most thoughtful of you to send along the information about my father. It recalled an interesting memento of those earlier years.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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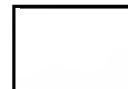
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Mr. Dulles:

Senator Mundt called on Saturday, 14 January, and upon being informed that you were out of the city, asked that you call him upon your return about the invitation to speak at Huron College. He is going to make a strong request that you do this and particularly wanted to "talk to you before you turned it down."

I told him you had not had the opportunity to see the letter from President Kerr of Huron College but I would certainly bring it to your attention immediately upon your return. He also indicated that the college wants to give you an honorary degree. However, this is not indicated in the invitation to speak.



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Sen Mundt +
advise him of decision*

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